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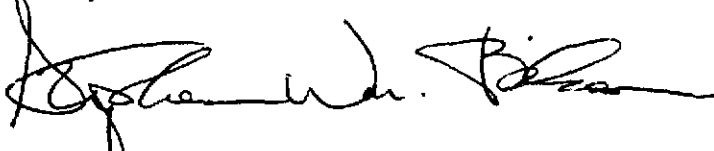
Dear Mr. Soehren:

I noticed the CAL-FED EIR/EIS *still* does not include mention of greywater irrigation, for any purpose. Again, greywater irrigation not only reuses half of all residential wastewater that is currently being wasted, that water is contributing to ocean pollution. Further, greywater irrigation reduces irrigation run-off, which is a common source of Non Point Source pollution.

It is not just ReWater who thinks greywater irrigation is a good idea, but many others including legislators. I've enclosed a recent letter from Senator Byron Sher for your consideration.

Please include greywater irrigation into the section on proposed solutions.

Sincerely,



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Stephen Wm. Bilson, Chairman & CEO
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Dear Stephen:

Thank you for your letter regarding the State Water Resources Board Non Point Source program. I read your comments with interest.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to the State Water Resources Board with my own cover letter encouraging them to consider your suggestions.

Again, thank you for contacting me regarding this matter. Please continue to keep me informed of your views and concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Byron D. Sher".

BYRON D. SHER
Senator, 11th District

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Ken Harris, Chief
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Dear Mr. Harris:

I am writing to encourage you to consider the suggestions in the enclosed letter. As you know, water quality is one of the most important environmental issues we face and all solutions must be explored.

If you have any questions or if I can be of any service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

BYRON D. SHER
Senator, 11th District

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August 6, 1999

Ken Harris, Chief
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Re: Comments on Proposed Upgrade for California's NPS Program

Dear Mr. Harris:

As you know, one of the largest sources of NPS pollution is irrigation runoff that carries animal feces, fertilizers, and other pollutants into the water. Yet, the SWRCBs' proposed upgrade to its NPS program fails to encourage the use of subsurface irrigation to eliminate this source of runoff thus NPS pollution.

While impractical to switch from spray irrigation to subsurface irrigation system, where there is no irrigation system installed, such as in new construction, it is quite simple to install subsurface irrigation. During construction, it is *also* quite simple to install state-approved greywater recycling irrigation systems that must by law utilize that water in the subsurface. These systems capture and reuse over half the residential wastewater that would ordinarily have gone to a sewage treatment plant to be processed and disposed of along with the sewage.

By eliminating this future point source pollutant, and beneficially reusing it subsurface, the nonpoint source will also be eliminated, while simultaneously creating a new source of irrigation water. State-approved greywater irrigation systems are by far the most cost-effective method of solving *three* important goals of the State Water Resources Control Board.

The US EPA allows the use of federal funds for such privately owned systems under certain conditions. It would be wise to strongly encourage their use in the proposed update language.

Sincerely,

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